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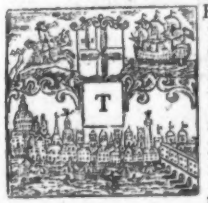
Continuation of the Adventures of FINETTE



THE *Prince* threw himself at the Feet of his *Prisoner*, declar'd his *Name* and *Quality*; protested that the Fame of her *Beauty* had drawn him thither, and conjur'd her, amidst a thousand *soft Expressions*, to accept him instantly for her *Husband*. Her *Surprize* prevented for some time an *Answer*, which her natural *Easiness* of Temper gave at last in a favourable Manner. That she *believ'd* him *sincere*, and *accepted* his Vows, was all that *Riche-cautele* wanted; nor were any other Forms us'd in the Conclusion of this *Marriage*: But the *Distaff* immediately betray'd her Crime, and flew into a *thousand Pieces*.

All this while *Babillarde* and *Finette* were in the utmost *Perplexity*, each being shut up in her *respective Chamber*, at a Distance from one another. They pass'd the Night without closing their Eyes, as they were ignorant of all that had happen'd *without*. *Nonchalante*, in the Morning, express'd also some *Concern*, lest they should blame her Proceedings: But the Prince, conducting her into a lower Apartment, next the Garden, told her, he would go and make Matters *easy* with them; then imperceptibly turn'd the *Key* upon her, and went in Search of the two *yet Innocents* with far *other Design*.

Tho' he did not directly know their several Chambers, it was not long before he discover'd that of *Babillarde*; for the poor Princess, ever us'd to *talking*, told her Complaints aloud to herself. *Riche-cautele* address'd her thro' the Door, and repeated to her all the *Protestations* that he had made to her Sister. She answer'd him with a *Torrent* of Words that were not at all disagreeable, and which prov'd she thought herself worthy of all the *Praise* he bestow'd upon her. She must, indeed, have had a great Inclination to *Verbosity*, being at this Time extremely *faint*: For as she was a Stranger to all *Foresight*, her Chamber was not furnish'd with a Morsel of *Provisions*: Whereas *Finette*, always improving her Time, had by her a large Quantity of *Pastry* and *Confectionary Wares*, which she made for her Amusement, and on other Occasions *divided* with her Sisters.

Hunger therefore, which press'd her extremely, seconding the Solicitations of the Prince, *Babillarde* at length open'd the Door to this *Seducer*. He urg'd her importunately to *instant Matrimony*; told her how improper it would be to say a Word of it to her *Sisters*, because, as she was not the *eldest*, and he was the *Heir apparent* of his Father, *Nonchalante* might think him rather to be her Right. In a Word, this *Argument*, join'd to his many tender *Expostulations*, prevail'd on *Babillarde*, after they had taken some *Refreshments* together, to commit the same *Weakness* that her Sister had done: She took the Prince for her *Husband*, and never remember'd the Effects of her *Glass Distaff* 'till that *Distaff* was shiver'd into Atoms. She was then so *imprudent* as to tell her new Spouse all the Secret of these *enchanted Utensils*, which redoubled his Joy in the Assurance that his *Enemy* would be conscious of the *Folly* of his Daughters. This was, indeed, the utmost *Fruition* of his Villainy.

Babillarde was now in no Humour to look after her *Sisters*, which she had before so much importuned. She was content to think them *both* in the Apartment of *Finette*, where there could be no Danger of *wanting*; dreading the Reproaches that would fall on her, upon discovering the *Ruins* of her *Distaff*: But *Riche-cautele* taking upon him again to *reconcile* all Parties, she fell *asleep* with Satisfaction (for she had not slept all Night) and was *lock'd* into her *Chamber* in the same manner as *Nonchalante* had been before into hers.

It was now the Prince's Business to look for *Finette*, whom he at last found by the *Closeness* of her Apartment. He clap'd his *Mouth* to the Door, and repeated the same *soft Things* that he had utter'd to her two Sisters. *Finette* heard him for some Time without answering a Word; but when she perceiv'd he was fully convinc'd of her being there, she told him, that if he had indeed a Passion so *strong* and *sincere* for her as he pretended, she desir'd him to let himself down into the *Garden*, and she would converse with him from her *Chamber Window* as long as he thought proper.

As this *Proposal* was by no Means agreeable to *Riche-cautele*, and the Princess still persisted in it, the base Man at last, impatient to *compleat* his wicked Design, forced open the Door with a great *Billet*. He found *Finette* arm'd with a large *Hammer*, which had been by Chance left in a *Wardrobe* next her Chamber. Her *Cheeks* glow'd with Resentment, and her *Eyes* sparkled: Which, however, did not deprive her of the Charms of *Beauty*. He offer'd to throw himself at her Feet; but she, retreating, cry'd out, *Prince, if you come near me, I will beat out your Brains with this Hammer.*——*How, fair Princess*, answer'd the artful Hypocrite, *Does my Love draw on me this cruel Hatred?* He then ran over again the Violence of his *Passion*, and the great Reputation of her *Beauty* and *Understanding* that had inspir'd him with it: But the Fear of the *Hammer* kept him at a Distance, *Riche-cautele* not being over *courageous*.

After endeavouring to persuade her, by various Arguments, that it was for her *Interest* to take him as soon as possible; and assuring her, that he knew *nothing* at all of her Sisters, his whole Time, since he had discover'd himself, having been employ'd to search out *her*; the ready Princess, finding there was no other Expedient, pretended to abate her Anger, and told him, that it was necessary first to see what was become of her Sisters, after which they would consult together the Means of *satisfying* his Request. But *Riche-cautele* reply'd, that he could not agree to this, because *Nonchalante* and *Babillarde*, being the *eldest*, would certainly *oppose* her Marriage, on Account of their own Right of *Seniority*, if she did not put it out of their Power to prevent his *Happiness* before seeing them.

(To be continu'd.)

To the AUTHOR, &c.

SIR,

IN order to open the Eyes of many weak and unwary Persons, who have been of late seduced by the *Moravian* Missionaries, you are desir'd to convey to the Publick the following genuine Letters of Excommunication, which were written by Count *Zinzendorff*, the principal Leader of these People, to some Persons of his Communion in *America*, who were unwilling, it seems, to part with their Natural and Civil Rights, and to give up their Children to be transported or dispos'd of, at the Pleasure of these *Moravian* Brethren. They are transcrib'd from the *American Weekly Mercury* of *April* 14, 1743.

I am, yours, &c.

To the Cooper FREDERICK VENDE, *in German-Town.*

Philadelphia, Dec. 26, 1742.

Dear Cooper and Goodwife;

ALtho' I take you both to be notorious Children of the Devil; and you, the Woman, to be a two-fold Child of Hell; yet I would have your Damnation as tolerable as is possible: Whereas it is now plain that all your Children belong to the Saviour, and that he will have them; and that I am in no Pain about any, except *Magdalen*, who hesitates too much concerning that plain Sentence of the crucified *Jesus*, viz. *he that loveth his Father and Mother more than me, is not worthy of me*: Therefore I absolutely, and conformable to the Rules of the Gospel, demand your Daughter *Magdalen* of you by these Presents; for altho' the Laws of this Country, which wisely provideth against such unreasonable Parents, will not suffer you to keep her against her Consent; yet, for Want of it you may vex her Soul: If therefore that seven-fold Devil which possesseth you, will permit you to recollect yourself, then consider what has happen'd, and leave your Daughter peaceably with the Congregation, as the best Means to promote your Temporal, and perhaps Spiritual, Welfare.

I am he who wish you better than you do yourselves.

LEWIS.

London, Sept. 2, 1741.

Mr. NEUMAN,

I Receiv'd your Letter, and say nothing concerning your Wife, you are old enough: And altho' our Congregation would rather get rid from time to time of such People as you and your Wife are, we nevertheless will remain in Love, and forbear with Souls that once were in some Connexion with us. You will also remember, Mr. *Neuman*, when I baptiz'd your Daughter, and the Spirit of Fraud, and *Sapphira*'s Disposition went out from her, that the Lamb was taken from you and your Wife at the same Time.

Now in Case you depart this Life without forcing your Daughter away from the Lamb, and from our Congregation, your former Sin shall be forgiven you: But if one of you or both should resume your murdering Spirit against this poor Creature of God, and should undo her, whether it be with or against her Will, in this Case I recal my Peace according to Christ's Command, and take it unto me again: But you, jointly and severally, I leave to the Devil, because he had possess'd you; and the Curse of your Child, thereby lost, shall rest on you 'till she is redeem'd, *Amen!* In the Name of *Jesus*, in my Name, and in the Name of my Daughter *Benigna*, who presented the Child before the Lamb, and interceded for it, *Amen, Amen!* I am,

And remain your Friend,
Wholly unto the Lamb.

The above Letter of Excommunication of the Count was sent by Mr. *Paul Jonas Weiss*, and Doctor *Kringelstein*; unseal'd, and by them deliver'd to Mr. *Neuman* with a great deal of Ceremony and Solemnity.

The original Letter to the *Cooper*, and Mr. *Neuman's* Copy of the above Letter, together with sundry other authentick Documents relating to the Count and his Brethren, may be view'd and exam'n'd at the House of *Joseph Grellius*, the Translator of the above, living in *Market-Street, Philadelphia*.

N. B. This Count has, by Violence, forced away several young Women from their Parents, besides the *Cooper's* and *Neuman's*.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Petersbourg, Oct. 12. The Court has receiv'd Advice, that Capt. Behring, who was sent out in order to find a Passage to America by the North, having been cast away upon an Island hitherto unknown, died there of Hunger and other Hardships, with the greatest Part of

his Men. This News has been brought by M. Stoller, a Member of our Academy of Sciences, who went out along with Captain Behring. M. Stoller having built a small Veſſel with the Materials of the Wreck, put to Sea again with a few of the Ship's Company, and arriv'd ſafely at Kamſchatka, after eſcaping a thouſand Dangers in the Paſſage. He alſo reports, that Captain Tſcherikow having parted from Captain Behring in a Storm, had the good Luck to make the American Coaſts; but attempting afterwards to go aſhore, he was repuls'd by the Inhabitants of the Country, and loſt ſome Men, which obliged him to lay aſide his Deſign.

Stockholm, Oct. 29. On Wedneſday the 23d Inſtant the Prince Royal of Sweden arriv'd at Carlſberg, about two Engliſh Miles from hence, where he reſted himſelf two Nights. On Friday Morning, between Eleven and Twelve, his Royal Highneſs made his publick Entry into this Town: The Proceſſion began at Carlſberg, in the following Order. Firſt, three Troops of the Burghers of Stockholm on Horſeback; then came M. Lowen, the Deputy Marſhal, who was follow'd by the Grand Marſhal, Senator Akerhielm, the other Officers of the Court, and the Senators, who went to bring his Royal Highneſs over. Theſe were in their own Coaches: After them came the Prince in one of the King's Coaches, preceded by ſix Pages on Horſeback, and having twelve Lackeys on Foot around it; a Troop of Horſe-Guards follow'd, and after them twelve other Coaches of the King's, in which were the Officers and Gentlemen belonging to his Royal Highneſs's Retinue. When his Royal Highneſs came near the Palace, he was ſaluted by the Regiment of Foot-Guards, who had lined the Avenues leading to the Court, as the Trabants had done all the Apartments at the Caſtle, to the Chamber of Audience, where the King, being under a Canopy of State, and ſurrounded by moſt of the Senators, receiv'd his Royal Highneſs. As ſoon as the Prince came into his Swediſh Majeſty's Preſence, a Signal being made, the Cannons begun to fire from the ſeveral Platforms which had been erected on this Occaſion, and continued to do ſo by Intervals, as likewiſe Vollies of Small Arms from the Regiment of Foot-Guards, 'till Evening, when the whole Town was illuminated, ſeveral Fire-works play'd off, and all other poſſible Demonſtrations of Joy given. Yeſterday his Royal Highneſs the Prince took the Oaths to the King, in the Preſence of the Senate, and the Deputies of the four Orders of the States.

Hamburg, Oct. 29. We are aſſured, that the Princeſs of Great Britain, who is ſhortly to eſpouſe the Prince Royal of Denmark, will have a Fortune of 80,000 l. as Princeſs of that Kingdom, and that his Majeſty, in Quality of Elector of Hanover, will give her 200,000 Rixdollars, beſides a great Quantity of rich Jewels.

Hamburg, Nov. 1. The Reaſon why the Marqueſs de la Cheardie calls at the Court of Copenhagen, is becauſe he has Inſtructions to invite the King of Denmark to accede to the Treaty of Alliance propoſed between France, Ruſſia and Sweden.

Rimini, Oct. 22. Upon Advice that the Auſtrian Army arriv'd Yeſterday at Faenza, which is but four Leagues from the firſt Poſt of the Spaniſh Army, General Count Gage has made ſome Motions with his Troops, ſuch as reinforcing the advanc'd Guards and ſecuring all the Avenues: It appears that the Spaniards are reſolv'd to wait for their Enemy's coming up.

Genoa, Oct. 19. We are more and more alarm'd on the Subject of the late Treaty between the Queen of of Hungary and the King of Sardinia; which however ſalutary to them, is like to be very deſtructive to us. By this Treaty the King of Sardinia is to enter into immediate Poſſeſſion of the Marquiſate of Final, which we purchas'd from the late Emperor in 1713, for 1,200,000 Pieces of Eight. It is true, that the King of Sardinia is to repay us this Sum of Money before he takes Poſſeſſion of it; but then there is this unlucky Circumſtance, that he inſiſts upon its being put in as good a Condition as when we receiv'd it; that is to ſay, the Citadel, and its Fortifications, ſhould be reſtor'd, which we demoliſh'd; the repairing of which will coſt more Money than we are to receive, beſides the dreadful Inconvenience of having ſuch a Fortreſs in our Neighbourhood.

Private Letters from Corſica ſay, that Things are there in their old Situation; that is to ſay, the People are in Arms, and have appointed a Regency for the Management of all Affairs, Civil and Military; and that our Commiſſary-General having obſerv'd their Strength, and conſider'd their Diſpoſition, had not thought proper to publiſh the Anſwers which the Senate had given to their laſt Propoſitions, being apprehenſive that this might provoke them to commit immediate Hoſtilities.

Genoa, Oct. 24. The Captain of an Engliſh Man of War, ſent hither by Admiral Matthews with Diſpatches for the Britiſh Conſul, informs us, that the French have reinforc'd the Garriſon of Antibes with 1500 Men, that it may be able to do ſome Buſineſs in caſe the Troops on board the Fleet ſhould attempt a Deſcent on that Side.

The Maſter of a Genoeſe Veſſel, that arriv'd here the other Day from Marſeilles, reports, that the French are making vaſt Preparations for War all along the Coaſts of Provence.

Venice, Oct. 26. We have receiv'd the melancholy News that the Plague has made dreadful Havock in the Town of Santa Maura, very few of the Inhabitants being left: This Diſtemper has likewiſe ſwept away a great many People in the Neighbourhood of Sebenica in Dalmatia.

Schaffhouſen, Oct. 29. We are aſſur'd that M. Courteilles, Embaſſador from the French Court, who is lately come back from Verſailles, is charg'd to demand of the Landable Cantons a new Levy of 16,000 Swiſs for the Service of the King his Maſter, and to make them at the ſame time very advantageous Propoſals for renewing their Alliance with France.

Vienna, Oct. 23. Letters from Lombardy bring a Confirmation that our Troops have ſeiz'd upon two large Magazines, which Cardinal Alberoni had eſtabliſh'd on his Lands in Romagna for the Spaniſh Army. As ſoon as Prince Lobkowitz heard of the erecting thoſe Magazines, he detach'd 3000 Men with Orders to go and deſire the Cardinal to deliver them up, ſeeing it was againſt the Neutrality; but his Eminency excus'd himſelf from complying with this Demand, alledging that it was not in his Power to do it, becauſe the Magazines were erected by the States of Romagna: Enquiry being made of the States, they proteſted that they had no Hand in the Affair, and that it lay entirely upon the Cardinal; upon which Prince Lobkowitz made no further Ceremony, but order'd the Magazines to be carried off by Force.

Vienna, Oct. 26. The Marqueſs de Botta has had ſeveral Conferences with the Counts Stahremberg, Harrach and Uhlefeldt, in which he gave an Account of his Conduct in Ruſſia: He owns that he made Inſtances for obtaining the Enlargement of the Prince and Princeſs of Brunſwick; but he proteſts that in this Reſpect he never exceeded the Bounds ſet him in the Queen's Inſtructions. He likewiſe owns to have fallen by Chance into Companies, where he met with Perſons that pretended to have Reaſon to complain; but he ſtiffly denies that ever he enter'd into Particulars with them on that Subject; but, on the contrary, took great Care to ſhun ſuch Perſons afterwards, unleſs he met with them at Court, where he was very ſure that they would not talk of any thing of this Nature. The King of Pruſſia, whoſe Teſtimony the Marqueſs de Botta has appeal'd to, has declar'd by his Miniſter here, that he never ſaw any thing in the Marqueſs's Conduct but what was very commendable, and that he ſhall be glad of his appearing again at his Court, when he has clear'd himſelf of the Things laid to his Charge.

Creutznach, Oct. 27. The Huſſars of Col. Mentzel, who arriv'd in our Neighbourhood on the 21ſt, under the Command of Capt. Wegely, remain'd here 'till the 24th: The Officers took up their Quarters in this Town, and the Huſſars in the adjacent Villages. They puſh'd their Courſes fifteen Leagues beyond Metz. The Booty they have made is very conſiderable. There is not a ſingle Man who has not four or five Horſes for his own Share. They took in all 900 Horſes, 300 fat Oxen, abundance of Cows and Calves, and 30 Waggons full of Proviſions. The Horſes are very fine, but the Cattle have ſuffer'd grievouſly by hard driving. Beſides all this, every Huſſar has his Leather belt ſtuck all over with Louis d'Ors. They have brought with them a good Number of Priſoners, and have loſt, at leaſt, as many who made their Eſcape in the March.

Cirencester, Nov. 4. The Princeſs Louiſa having ſeen the Curioſities of this City, ſet out this Morning for Hanover. The Duke of Cumberland is to perform the Ceremony of marrying her by Proxy in the Name of the Prince Royal of Denmark; after which her Royal Highneſs will proceed to Altena, where that Prince is to meet her, and then conduct her to Copenhagen.

Paris, Oct. 28. An Arret of the Council of State is publiſh'd, whereby all Cloths, Stuffs, Caps, Stockings, and Tapiſtry, of the Manufacture of this Kingdom, are exported directly to Foreign Markets, are freed from the Duties at the Cuſtom-Houſe, as well as from the Duties of the five great Farms: This is to take Place from the firſt of November 1743.

Luneville, Oct. 28. It appears by our laſt Letters from Fontainebleau, that the Court of France has reſolv'd to take the Field next Spring with two formidable Armies: She deſtines 60,000 Men for the Garriſons of the Frontier Towns: In ſhort, ſuch vaſt Preparations have not been ſeen theſe many Years paſt. His Poliſh Majeſty ſent a few Days ſince one of his Gentlemen to the Duke of Aremberg, to know for what Reaſons the Queen of Hungary's Huſſars have made Incurſions into this Country: We wait impatiently the Return of this Gentleman, that we may know what Courſe to take.

From the Paris Advertiſement, Nov. 6.

The King has declar'd that he will give no Furlows, not even for a Week, to the General Officers that are to command this Winter on the Frontiers.

His Majeſty has juſt iſſued Orders for raiſing a new Regiment of Huſſars.

The Count de Saxe is very ill at Strasbourg. According to the laſt Letters from Briſac, Marſhal Noailles is ſo well recover'd that he has paid a Viſit to Marſhal Coigny in that Town: The Enemy's Camp below Rhinweiller grows ſtronger every Day, and conſiſts already of upwards of 12,000 Men: Their Camp below Strasbourg remains much in the ſame Condition, as to its Strength; and by the Diſpoſitions they are making, it appears they intend to paſs the Winter there. We are throwing up Intrenchments on that Side, and no Furlows have as yet been granted to the Officers. The Pandours have ſeveral Times attack'd our Workmen, but were always repuls'd with Loſs.

They write from Vienna that the Queen of Hungary has refus'd to receive the Nuntio ſent by the Pope, becauſe his Holineſs did not include M. Melfini in the laſt Promotion of Cardinals, and has moreover refus'd to give Letters to the new Archbiſhop of Milan.

We are aſſur'd that a Congreſs will ſpeedily be held at Utrecht, in order to bring about a Peace.

PLANTATION NEWS.

Boſton, Aug. 9. Laſt Friday Night died very ſuddenly at his Seat in Roxbury, very much lamented, the Hon. William Dudley, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Council in this Province, one of the Juſtices of the inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Suffolk, and Colonel of the Firſt Regiment in the ſaid County.

Plymouth, Sept. 10. Laſt Wedneſday died here, and on Friday following was decently interr'd, the Hon. Iſaac Lothorp, Eſq; in the 71ſt Year of his Age: He was for many Years Sheriff for the County of Plymouth, afterwards Chief Juſtice of the inferior Court of Common Pleas, and in Commiſſion for the Peace there (both which he held 'till his Death) and ſeveral Years he was one of his Majeſty's Council, and Colonel of the Firſt Regiment in the ſaid County; both which he reſign'd ſome Years before his Death.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Oct. 22. Laſt Monday Thomas Chriſtmas, jun. Eſq; was elected Knight of the Shire for the County of Waterford, in the room of Sir John Oſborn, Bart. deceas'd.

The ſame Day Edward Smith, Eſq; Counſellor at Law, and Robert Maxwell, Eſq; were elected Members for the Borough of Lifmore, in the County of

Antrim, in the room of Thomas Clutterbuck and Nicholas Price, Eſqrs. deceas'd.

On Wedneſday laſt the Hon. John Butler, Eſq; was elected Member of Parliament for the Borough of Newcaſtle in the County of Dublin, in the room of the Hon. Col. James Butler, deceas'd.

On Tueſday laſt died, at Carrtown in the County of Kildare, the Lady Charlotte Fitzgerald, youngeſt Daughter of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kildare.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant has been pleaſed to grant to the Right Hon. and Rev. Philip Lord Viſcount Strangford, the Prebend of Killaſpugmullan, the entire Rectory of Temple Uſque, the entire Rectory of Kilknan, and the entire Rectory of Kiltoan, otherwiſe Ballydelogher.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Bath, Oct. 27. Laſt Saturday was interr'd in the Cathedral here, in a decent and private Manner, the Corpſe of Sir Erafmus Philipps, Bart. attended by Sir John Philipps, of Kilgetty, in the County of Pembroke, Part. his Brother as principal Mourner. By Sir Erafmus's Death his Eſtate (which is very conſiderable) and Honour deſcended to Sir John, a worthy Repreſentative in Parliament for the Town of Carmarthen. That noble Family have for many Ages been Reſident in, and Poſſeſſors of, the antient and beautiful Caſtle, call'd Picton-Caſtle, in the County of Pembroke; and, by the Records in Wales, appear to be deſcended from the antient Princes thereof; and by thoſe in the College of the Heralds at Arms in England, are regiſter'd in a lineal Deſcent in the Female Line from Edward the Second King of England.

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Thurſday Night laſt, about Nine o'Clock, the Coachman belonging to Sir Robert Cann, was found robb'd, and almoſt murder'd, in the Road leading to Mr. Cuzzins's at Redland. It ſeems a Butcher who had been to Field with his Horſe, was the firſt who came by where the Coachman lay, who calling to him, and telling him who he was, and that he was robb'd, &c. ſo terrified him that he took (as we hear) to his Heels and ran; and going to Mr. Smith, at the Swan in Stoke's-Croft, he got Aſſiſtance, and a Lanthorn, and brought the almoſt murder'd Perſon to the ſaid Houſe. A little after his Wounds were dreſs'd he died, at the Houſe aforeſaid.

We hear a Tinker and his Wife are taken up on London Road, on a violent Suſpicion of murdering a poor Woman, in one of whoſe Pockets were found two Fingers, which they had cut off the Hand of the Deceas'd for the Sake of her Rings.

Canterbury, Oct. 29. The Rev. William Gurney, M. A. Vicar of Weſtwell, is made one of the Maſters of the King's School here, in the room of Mr. Evans, deceas'd.

LONDON.

We hear that the *P—t L——t*, in his *Ode*, that now lies ready for Performance, has left the *God* MARS, in his Deſcription of the *Campaign*, upon the Banks of the *Main*; after which he gives us a lofty *Epiſode*, wherein the *Goddeſs* DISCORD is the chief *Perſonage*; and then concludes with a *Wiſh*, a *Prayer*, and a *Prophecy*, without taking any further Notice of *Mortal Affairs*. It is imagin'd ſome of the *Proſe Panegyricks* will run much in the *ſame Strain*, when they come to be *d liver'd*.

The Eyes of the Publick are at this Time pretty much fix'd on a certain *Political Comet*, that ſeems to have return'd from his *Perihelion* with new *Light* and *Luſtre*, after an Abſence of near *thirty Years*.

On Tueſday ſeveral of his Majeſty's Domeſticks arriv'd at St. James's.

The ſame Day his Majeſty's Baggage, and ſeveral Domeſticks belonging to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, arriv'd in the River in a Ship from Holland.

On Tueſday the Count d'Oſſorio, his Sardinian Majeſty's Embaſſador, arriv'd at his Houſe in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields from Germany.

Thurſday ſe'nnight the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Stair arriv'd at his Houſe in Pall-Mall, from Holland, in good Health.

On Sunday laſt the Archbiſhop of Canterbury arriv'd at his Palace at Lambeth from Bath: His Grace continues in a bad State of Health.

We hear from Ireland, that the Life of the Hon. James Anneſly, Eſq; has been twice attempted there by certain Ruffians in Diſguſe, on which Account the Right Hon. the Earl of ——— has been oblig'd to give Surety, before the Lord Chief Juſtice or that Kingdom, for his good Behaviour.

Friday ſe'nnight the Rt. Hon. Robert Weſtley, Eſq; was ſworn into the high Office of Lord Mayor of this City, and had the Regalia deliver'd to him with the uſual Formalities. And on Saturday his Lordſhip, in the City Barge, attended by the ſeveral Companies in their Barges, went to Weſtminſter, and took the uſual Oaths at the Exchequer Bar, from whence he return'd in the ſame Order to Black-fryars Stairs, where he landed amidſt the Acclamations of the People, and paſs'd thro' the City in Proceſſion to Guildhall to Dinner.

We hear the Right Hon. the Earl of Holderneſs is married in Holland to a Niece of M. Van Haaren, with whom, it's ſaid, his Lordſhip will have a Fortune of 50,000 l.

A few Days ago Wentworth Oſiarne, Eſq; Serjeant at Arms to the Hon. Houſe of Commons, was married to Miſs Cummins, of Old Bond-Street; a young Lady of fine Accompliſhments, with a conſiderable Fortune.

Laſt Week Ralph Price, of Suſſex, Eſq; and Nephew to the late Baron Price, was married at Cobham in Surrey, to Miſs Goodchild, of Pall-Mall, an Heireſs of great Fortune.

On Saturday laſt was married, at St. Katherine Coleman Church, Mr. Till, a wholeſale Linnendraper in Fenchurch-Street, to Miſs Sally Gilbert, of Fenchurch-Buildings; an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 8000 l.

Letters from Ruſſia mention the Death of Capt. John Opie, an Engliſhman, Commander of a Ruſſian Man of War.

A few Days ſince died, in the eighteenth Year of his Age, at Long Orton in Huntingdonſhire, the Lord Morpeth, only Son of the Right Hon the Earl of Carliſle.

Lately died, at his Seat at Whitily-Hall in the County of York, Henry Beaumont, Eſq; in the 25th Year of his Age. His Eſtate of 2000 l. per Annum devolves to his only Brother, Richard Beaumont, Eſq;

Laſt Week died, of the Gout in his Stomach, the Rev. Mr. Walter Bartelott, Vicar of Rottingdon in Suſſex, and Prebendary of Chicheſter; the former is in the Gift of his Grace the Duke of Dorſet.

A few Days ago died, after a lingering Illneſs, in the 45th Year of his Age, at his Apartment in the Crown-Houſe at Lambeth, that celebrated Maſter in Painting, Mr. John Teal Cooper, well known to the ingenious World for his moſt excellent Performances in Fruit, that few or none are left behind to equalize him. There is one of his Maſter Pieces in the Great Room at Guy's Hoſpital, which remains as a Monument of that great Man's Ability in Painting. His Death is univerſally lamented.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight died, after a few Days Illneſs, Miſs Dawſon, only Daughter of Mr. Dawſon, a wealthy Broker in the Borough of Southwark, an Heireſs of 15,000 l. Fortune; and laſt Sunday her Corpſe was interr'd with great Funeral Pomp in St. George's Church.

Thurſday ſe'nnight died, in an advanced Age, at her Houſe at Mitcham in Surrey, Mrs. Martha Hammond, a Maiden Lady, reputed worth 40,000 l. She was Daughter of Mr. Hammond, formerly Maſter of the Brewhouſe now Alderman Calvert's.

The ſame Day died, at High Wicomb in Buckinghamſhire, Dr. Wareham, an excellent Phyſician and Manmidwife; a Gentleman of great Humanity.

The ſame Day died, after a tedious Illneſs, Mr. Philip Robinſon, an eminent Goldſmith in Fleet-Street, and one of the Common-Council-Men for the Ward of Farringdon Without.

Laſt Sunday Morning died, at her Seat at Putney in Surrey, Mrs. Pelham, Relict of Thomas Pelham, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of Trade, and Member of Parliament for Lewes in Suſſex, who died a few Weeks ſince at Briſtol.

Monday Morning died, at his Houſe in Whitechapel, aged eighty Years, Mr. Gray, an eminent and wealthy Silverſmith: He was Maſter of the Academy in Brook's-Street, Ratcliff, upwards of forty Years; which Buſineſs he gave over about twelve Years ſince.

On Monday laſt died, at his Houſe at Highgate, Mr. Thatcher, formerly an eminent Mercer on Ludgate-Hill: The greateſt Part of his Fortune, which was very conſiderable, he has left to his Nephew, Mr. Thatcher, a Diſtiller in Southwark.

The ſame Day died, much lamented, Capt. James Gregory, at his Lodgings at New-Croſs near Deptford: He was Captain in the Regiment of Scotch Greys, and was at the late Battle of Dettingen; where he diſtinguiſh'd himſelf with great Bravery.

On Tueſday died, at his Houſe at Hornſey, in the 92d Year of his Age, Capt. Norton, who had been a Commander in the Royal Navy many Years, and behav'd with great Bravery in the Wars of her late Majeſty Queen Anne.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has preſented the Rev. Mr. George Oſborne to the Vicarage of Brapole, alias Bradpole, in the County of Dorſet and Dioceſe of Briſtol.

Laſt Week the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's were pleas'd to appoint Mr. David Cheriton, one of the Gentlemen belonging to his Majeſty's Chapel-Royal, and alſo of Weſtminſter-Abbey, to be Vicar Choral of St. Paul's, in the room of Mr. Chelſum, deceas'd.

Laſt Sunday Mr. Cook, and ſome others belonging to the Cuſtom-Houſe, ſeiz'd a large Quantity of Flanders Lace, valued at 400 l. which they convey'd to the Cuſtom-Houſe.

On Saturday Night laſt the Coachman of the Right Hon. the Lady Viſcounteſs Percival had the Misfortune to fall down between the Horſes as he was driving his Lady in Pall-Mall, by the Footboard's breaking, and the Wheels going over his Head and Breaſt he was taken up almoſt dead; the Horſes were ſtopt by ſome Chairmen... Lady Percival was ſo much affrighted with the Accident, and the Horſes running away, that a Surgeon was directly ſent for to bleed her Ladyſhip, who continues ill at her Houſe in Pall-Mall. The Coachman was carry'd to the White Horſe Inn in the Hay-Market; but ſeem'd to be at the Point of Death.

On Tueſday Mr. Prince, a Ropemaker at Rotherhithe, was attack'd by three Footpads at Peckham-Gap, who robb'd him of five Shillings, and beat him in ſo cruel a Manner that they left him for dead.

Laſt Saturday Edward Singer and Thomas Whiting, who broke out of the New-Gaol, Southwark, about a Month ago, were taken near Horſham in Suſſex, and committed to Horſham Gaol. They had two Watches found upon them when taken, and have confeſs'd the committing of ſeveral Robberies ſince they broke out of Priſon.

They write from Birmingham in Warwickſhire, that on Saturday the 22d paſt, a Fire broke out in the Out-Houſes belonging to Mr. Holland, an Attorney at Cleobury in Shropſhire, which conſumed Cattle and Corn to a very great Value, particularly ſeveral Stacks of new Wheat. It is thought to have been done by ſome Incendiary, and a Man is taken upon Suſpicion.

It is ſaid a Silver Mine is diſcover'd in the Back Settlement of South-Carolina; that the Oar is already prov'd; and that many Gentlemen there have ſubſcrib'd a Sum of Money for carrying on the ſame with Vigour.

According to private Letters by the laſt French Mail, the Spaniſh Miniſter at Paris lately receiv'd an Expreſs, the Contents of which were a profound Secret for ſome Time; but that at laſt it was known they related to the Prince of Aſturia's being fallen into a declining and even a dying Condition, from which all the Advice of the Phyſicians have not been able to recover him, or to give him Eaſe; which had greatly alarm'd the Court.

On Saturday arriv'd a Liſbon Mail, which brought Diſpatches for the Government of great Importance. The Packet left Liſbon the 29th of laſt Month, N. S. and brings Advice of a Report being ſpread there, that the Plague had diſcover'd itſelf in Africa, and Granada in Spain; upon which Rumour Orders were given along the Sea Coaſts of Portugal, not to permit any Ships coming from thoſe Parts to enter into the Portugueſe Ports, &c. without firſt performing Quarantain.

His Majeſty's Ships the Dreadnought and Deptford were both arriv'd at Liſbon from the Weſtern Iſlands without a Prize, which makes it much doubted whether the rich Ship call'd the St. Antonio is taken or not, as mention'd in ſome Letters from thence.

The Lords Juſtices, upon Advice that the Plague has broke out at Smyrna and ſome other Places, have order'd all Ships already arriv'd from thence that are not yet unladen, and all thoſe that ſhall hereafter arrive in any Port of this Kingdom from any of the Places infected, to perform Quarantain.

By Letters from Jamaica, dated Auguſt 27, there is Advice, that his Majeſty's Ship the Kent had taken, on a Cruize, a Spaniſh Veſſel laden with Corn and a great Number of Dollars: She was bound to Porto Rico, and is valued at 15,000 l.

The Eagle Privateer, Capt. Anderſon, belonging to Jamaica, has taken a Spaniſh Privateer and carry'd her into Carolina. They fought two Hours board and board before ſhe ſtruck, when Capt. Anderſon found 73 Men in her.

By Letters from Port-Mahon, dated Sept. 29, there is Advice, that his Majeſty's Ship the Naſſau had taken two Spaniſh Privateers of 12 Carriage Guns each, off Barcelona, and carried them into Minorca.

Laſt Week came Advice, that the Three Friends, Goreham, from Jamaica for Boſton, was taken by the St. George, a Spaniſh Privateer of 12 Carriage and 12 Swivel Guns, off Carthagena, (four Days after ſhe ſail'd from Jamaica) and carried into that Place.

The Three Brothers, Capt. Scutt, was lately taken by the Spaniards in her Paſſage from Boſton to Carolina.

Extract of a Letter from Dartmouth, Oct. 28.

'Juſt now landed here from on board a Dutch 'Brigantine, Capt. Moſs, Maſter of the Florimella 'from South Carolina, and Part of the Crew of the 'Recovery, Capt. Swift, of and for London from 'Jamaica: The latter was taken the 19th Inſtant, 'and the former the 21ſt, about 20 Leagues to the 'Weſtward of the Lizard, by a Privateer of eight 'Carriage Guns and 100 Men, belonging to St. Se'baſtian's: They parted with the Privateer but 'Yeſterday at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon; ſhe 'was then about eight Leagues South of the Li'zard.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Oct. 29. The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Lieutenant-General William Hargrave to be Governor of the Town and Garriſon of Gibraltar, in the room of Lieutenant-General Jaſper Clayton, deceas'd.

Whitehall, Nov. 1. The King has been pleas'd to appoint the Right Hon. James Lord Tyrawly to be his Majeſty's Embaſſador Extraordinary to the Empreſs of Ruſſia.

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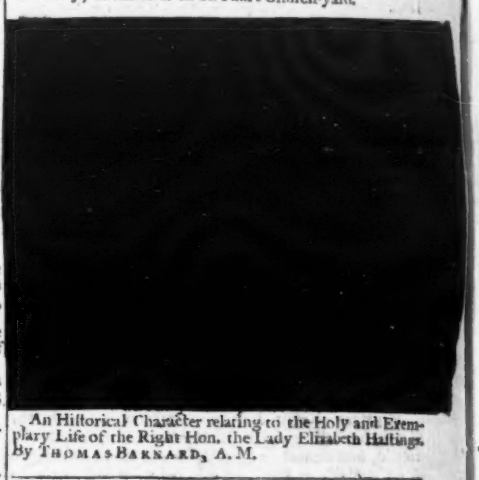

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